

side members in registration, said base having a front portion and a rear portion narrower than the front portion,

a substantially horizontally oriented, substantially rectangular platform overlying a front portion of the base and substantially covering the entire front portion,

a pair of support arms each having one end pivotably connect the platform and another end connected to one of the side members,

a lift arm having one end pivotably connected to the platform and another end connected to the rear portion of the base, said lift arm being positioned lengthwise along a longitudinal axis of the jack, and

a driver assembly mounted to a rear portion of the base that in response to manual actuation moves the platform between a lowered and a plurality elevated positions,

said support arms and lift arm moving in parallel upon actuation of the drive assembly to maintain the platform horizontally oriented.

REMARKS

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It was noted that original Claims 26 and 27 were incomplete and these claims have been amended to correct this omission. Support for

amendment to these claims is found on pages 3 and 4 of the specification.

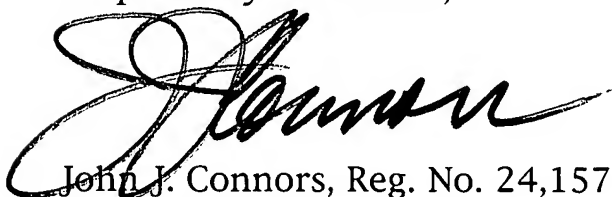
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The amended claims were not made to overcome any objections raised by the Examiner and, therefore, avoid the application of the Festo doctrine, Festo Corp. v Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., Ltd., et al 535 U. S. 722 (2002). These amended claims recite the subject matter that the Applicants believe is allowable, taking into consideration the limitations of the English language and the inability of the Applicants to foresee all the possible equivalents that may be developed in the future. Applicants intent to claim broadly the subject matter of their invention and not surrender equivalent subject matter by any narrowing amendment in making the changes to these claims. Therefore, the amended claims are entitled to the application of the doctrine of equivalents under Warner-Jenkinson v. Hilton Davis Chemical Co., 520 U. S. 17 (1997).

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